



From the Desk of the St. Monica Catholic School President  
Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Introducing this new weekly email from St. Monica Catholic School President, Angie Trudell. This email will keep you informed of the search for a new principal, happenings at different grade levels and ways you can support the teachers and staff day to day. This email does not replace the Friday, Bearcat Byte, it is an additional form of communication regarding the mission of our school, directly from Mrs. Trudell. The content will vary and focus on many aspects of the school.

1. **Virtue for the month of January Stewardship/Service** - Returning to God the fruits of your time, talents, and treasure. All that we have belongs to God. We live as He created us to live when we give of ourselves to those who have a need in their lives. As always the teachers/advisory houses will work with these virtues throughout the month. The virtue will be introduced to the students at Mass the week of January 10, 2022.

Scripture verse for the week: "How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good things he has given me?" Psalm 116

2. **Search for the new Principal: The Education Group** has been hired to vet the candidates for the St. Monica Search team to interview in February. The position has been posted in different areas and a special Ad will be posted in a few days. The posting is easy for you to see on the Diocese of Dallas Catholic Schools website. Each week I will update you here on progress, surveys, the search team's progress, etc.



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3. **Advisory house leading prayer this week:** Each week a different Advisory House leads our school in prayer. They come to my office to read a prayer and receive a special inspiration card for the week. Three students come each day. Week of Jan. 4 it is Mrs. Sanchez's house- St. Theresa of Calcutta
4. **COVID Update:** Updates to our Covid protocols are continuing and ongoing. Bearcat Byte will be where we will update you regularly on Covid protocols and changes.

5. **Catapult consultant:** Diane Metz, our consultant from Catapult learning continues to work with our administration, lead teachers and teachers on important academic goals and strategies. She is here two days a month. This month she will be here consecutively on Jan. 18 and 19. Additionally she will be working on a needs assessment moving forward for professional development and curriculum goals that will be ready for our 2022-23 school year.

6. **Let's celebrate accomplishments:**

- **8th grade Mock interviews start this week:** Thank you to the team of parents working together to conduct this important process for our 8th grade students. Please keep them in your prayers
- **End of the Quarter Friday, Jan. 7:** Your students have worked hard. We know a lot of challenges faced them but in reviewing the overall grades to date, still more to come out, your children are doing so well.
- **Thank you for helping over 90 Angel Families to have a special Christmas.** Your generosity spread so much Christmas love and Christ Light. A true example of stewardship.

Blessed New Year, 2022

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